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SOUTHERN ARIZONA MAN INDICTED ON CHARGES INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

TUCSON, Ariz. – Justin Michael Antone, 45, of San Simon, Ariz., was arrested on Friday, December 7th, after a federal grand jury in Tucson, Ariz. returned a three-count indictment against him on Wednesday, December 3rd for attempted aggravated sexual abuse of a child, sexual abuse of a minor, and abusive sexual contact. Antone appeared today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge for his initial appearance and remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing set for Wednesday, December 12th.

The indictment alleges that between November 2005 and February 2006, Antone engaged in various sexual acts with a girl who was between 12 and 16 years old at the time the alleged crimes occurred on the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation. Both Antone and the victim are members of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

A conviction for attempted aggravated sexual abuse of a child carries a penalty of 30 years to life in federal prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 or both. A conviction for sexual abuse of a minor carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for abusive sexual contact carries a maximum penalty of life in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction of any of the charges mandates registration as a convicted sex offender. In determining an actual sentence, the assigned U.S. District Court Judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tohono O'odham Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Angela W. Woolridge, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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